

# Centre for Continuing Education

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## Beginning Russian 1

Svetlana Dorogova

This course is for those with little or no ability in speaking Russian. The emphasis will be on the Russian Cyrillic alphabet, pronunciation, basic grammar and conversation. Basic listening, reading, speaking and writing skills will also be introduced.

**Textbook: Routledge Intensive Russian Course (RITM), by Robin Aizlewood – approx. \$80 from ANU Coop Bookshop.**

### Week 1

Introducing the Russian Cyrillic alphabet  
Reading and pronouncing Russian: stress  
Practice of reading and writing (handwriting) letters  
Vowels  
Consonant (hard and soft)

### Week 2

Revision of the alphabet  
Syllable (pronounce Russian sounds and words), spelling rules.  
Intonation. Making statements and asking questions  
Conjunctions

### Week 3

Noun. Gender (masculine, feminine, neuter)  
Personal pronouns (person and gender)  
Greeting, introducing and Russian names

### Week 4

The case system. The nominative and accusative cases singular  
Use of accusative: reading, listening

### Week 5

The verb (forming the present tense)  
1 –st conjugation  
Word order and phrasing of questions/answers

### Week 6

The prepositional case. The prepositional of place. Location  
Talking about personal information

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## Week 7

Animate accusative singular, pronoun accusative singular  
Conversation about people, friends

## Week 8

Possessives, demonstratives  
Possessives in the accusative  
Asking for things

## Week 9

Noun, the plural, spelling rules  
Accusative plural, inanimate  
Numerals (1-20)

## Week 10

Genitive case, possession, absence, lack  
Use of the genitive  
Genitive pronouns

**Note:** Students must be prepared to undertake homework throughout the course.

Svetlana is a native speaker and can speak three other languages. She studied at Samara State University of Foreign Languages majoring in English and German. She was an office manager for 5 years in Samara and also taught English to evening class students there before coming to Australia in 2006.

DATES/TIMES: 6-8pm on 10 Wednesdays from 20 August

FEE: \$299

COURSE LOCATION: The venue for this course can be found on your tax invoice/receipt (under "Course Information"). Please allow enough time to locate your course venue on the first evening.

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